Exodus of educationists and teachers

†1573. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any scheme to check the exodus of educationists and teachers from the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Corporal punishment in schools

†1574. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, since some time back, many incidents of corporal punishment in schools have been noticed and if so, the details thereof and the number of death incidents occurred therein;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the States have not abolished the system of corporal punishment in schools; and

(c) the policy of Government in this regard and the steps to be taken by Government to abolish the system of corporal punishment in schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Some sporadic instances of corporal punishment in schools have been reported in the media recently. National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992, *inter alia*, provides that 'corporal punishment will be firmly excluded from the educational system'. Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited in schools run by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Whenever any case of corporal punishment is brought to the notice of autonomous organisations in charge of the school, action is initiated against the persons responsible. Education being a concurrent subject, States follow their own policy in respect of schools under the purview of the State Governments and information on corporal punishment is not centrally maintained.

Public expenditure on education

1575. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the commitment of the National Common Minimum Programme to raise public expenditure on education to 6 per cent of the GDP has not been fulfilled even after three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the public expenditure on education during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and estimates for 2007-08, and the respective ratio to GDP during these years; and

(c) the Government's reaction to fulfil the commitment and the steps proposed to be taken to raise public expenditure on education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The details of public expenditure on education during 2004-05 and 2005-06 and their respective ratio to GDP during these years are as given below :–

Year	Total Public Expenditure on Education (Rs. in crore)	Ratio to GDP
2004-05	104566.00	3.66%
2005-06	119029.88	3.66%

The corresponding figures for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 are not available.

As a part of efforts to increase the public expenditure on education, the Government introduced 2% education cess on all central taxes to raise the funds for universal elementary education in 2004-05. Further an additional education cess @ 1% on all central taxes has been introduced in 2007-08 for funding the Secondary and Higher Education. The Eleventh Plan Approach Paper approved by National Development Council (NDC) states that Government should ensure to move towards raising public spending in education to 6% of GDP, which is a National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) commitment.

Skipping work by teachers

1576. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the World Bank survey found that 25 per cent of teachers skip work everyday, 50 per cent actually teach and virtually no one gets fired for habitual absenteeism, and most skilled teachers run expensive, private classes from their home on the side;

(b) if so, what Government have done to ensure regular teachings and classes in all the schools and colleges;

(c) whether it is a fact that only 15 per cent of Indian graduates are employable, as found by a recent survey of NASSCOM; and

(d) if so, what Government are doing to impart quality education in all Indian institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government of India is aware of a study by the World Bank and Harvard University covering 3700 schools in 20 States, conducted in the year 2004 and its findings which reported that 25% of the teachers in Government primary schools are absent on a typical day and of